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## Suarez to lead centrist alliance

MADRID, March 26 (R). — King Juan Carlos returned from a Middle East trip today to find Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez involved in manoeuvres that could enable him to lead a powerful centrist alliance in general elections in June. During the king's absence, former Foreign Minister Jose Maria de Arellano resigned as vice president of the Popular Party, the backbone of an alliance of Christian Democrats and Liberals. The resignation of this staunch opponent of Senor Suarez paved the way for the prime minister to remould the group and keep the right-wing Popular Alliance led by former Interior Minister Manuel Fraga from winning the elections. The justice ministry said today 1,063 prisoners had been freed under an amnesty decreed last week.

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## Protest strike paralyses Pakistan as opposition boycotts parliament

AMMAD, March 26 (R). — Pakistan's new parliament opened today, boycotted by the opposition which called a general strike against alleged rigging by the government. A nine-party opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) said it would not recognise the new parliament. We don't consider it a parliament but a meeting of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) acting PNA President, Mr. Bhutto, said today. Yesterday the army killed two people following orders to shoot on sight demonstrators who resorted to violence. The PNA General Council, after an emergency meeting chaired by Nawabzada Nasrullah, today sent a cable to Pakistan's President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry denouncing the use of the armed forces against political agitators. It demanded the immediate withdrawal of the army from what was a political confrontation and said there was no legal basis for ordering demonstrations.

The only report of violence was a clash between police and opposition demonstrators in the town of Khanewal. PNA officials claimed one student was shot dead and nine other people were injured when police fired on the demonstrators. But this could not immediately be confirmed from official channels. Yesterday the army killed two people following orders to shoot on sight demonstrators who resorted to violence. The PNA General Council, after an emergency meeting chaired by Nawabzada Nasrullah, today sent a cable to Pakistan's President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry denouncing the use of the armed forces against political agitators. It demanded the immediate withdrawal of the army from what was a political confrontation and said there was no legal basis for ordering demonstrations.



His Majesty King Hussein shakes hands with His Majesty King Juan Carlos as he saw him off at Amman airport Saturday. (JNA photo).

## Jordan, Spain call for total Israeli pullback

AMMAN, (Agencies) — Jordan and Spain Saturday called for a just and permanent peace in the Middle East, based on a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and a restoration of the legitimate national rights of the people, including the right to self-determination. A joint statement on a three-day state visit to Jordan by His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain said he and His Majesty King Hussein voiced their concern over the serious situation in the Middle East and the dangers it constituted to world peace and stability.

The statement said the talks between the two monarchs were held in an atmosphere of sincere friendship and covered the international and Middle East situations as well as bilateral relations. Both countries adhered to the principles of the United Nations charter and stressed the need to apply those principles to international relations, the statement added. Both sides expressed their satisfaction with the state of relations between their two countries and agreed to continue efforts to further mutual cooperation in the economic, trade, cultural and technical fields, the statement said.

King Hussein accepted an invitation to visit Spain at a later date, the statement added. It was agreed that a Jordanian economic delegation would visit Spain at an early date for talks on specialised economic and technical subjects. King Juan Carlos, Her Majesty Queen Sofia and the accompanying delegation returned to Madrid Saturday from their week-long tour of Egypt and Jordan.

## Spanish foreign minister says in interview

## Spain will not recognise Israel until justice is done in M.E.

By Lina Gross  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN. — "Spain could and should be a bridge between different shores: Europe and the Mediterranean on the one side and Europe and the Atlantic on the other," Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre told the Jordan Times in an interview Saturday morning.

Spain can provide Europe with a fresh perspective on the Arab countries and on South America," Senor Aguirre declared.

The Spanish foreign minister said that both in Amman and Cairo he had encountered "a sincere wish for peace" and a very constructive attitude towards its attainment.

He cautioned however, that several complicating factors had to be taken into account.

"I would not like to give the impression of being overly optimistic, for that could be ill-founded," he explained. "Our hope is that 1977 could be the year for a Middle East settlement, or at least the year in which a beginning is made" towards a settlement of the pressing problems of the area.

"Every effort we can make towards that end will be undertaken without reservation," he said.

Senor Aguirre introduced a moral note into his view of the shape of an eventual settlement in the Middle East. "I have stated on repeated occasions that the Spanish government cannot and will not establish diplomatic relations with Israel until due satisfaction is given to the just demands of the Arab nations: the withdrawal of Israel from the territories it occupied in 1967 and a recognition by Israel of the national rights of the Palestinian people."

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In the European context, Spain is a valuable asset from the demographic, geographic and economic points of view, Senor Aguirre said. In that context too, Spain can provide Europe with a fresh outlook on the Arab countries and South America, he reiterated.

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The outcome of these negotiations will pave the way for our final goal which is full membership in the EEC.

This is our political will and, according to the public statements of its leaders, it is the will of the community too. We have announced our intention of applying for membership in the near future and at this moment, from both sides, the necessary steps are being taken in the political as well as in the economic fields to prepare a future for Spain within the EEC."

## Indian government seems to be on verge of split

NEW DELHI, March 26 (R). — Mr. Jagjivan Ram, powerful leader of India's 80 million untouchables, stayed away today from the swearing-in ceremony for the new Indian cabinet in a move that sent fresh political shock waves rolling through the country.

Mr. Ram's indecision about whether he should join the cabinet first delayed the distribution of portfolios among the 14 ministers.

But tonight, Prime Minister Morarji Desai named Atal Behari Vajpayee, 50, a former newspaper editor detained for 21 months during the recent state of emergency, as India's new Foreign Minister.

Mr. Desai announced several senior cabinet posts -- but the question of whether Mr. Ram would join the cabinet was still unsettled.

The post of home minister went to Mr. Charan Singh, 74, Deputy Chairman of the Janata Party who has long been a powerful figure in Uttar Pradesh state politics. Confusion over the future role of Mr. Ram grew throughout the day.

His decision to stay away from the swearing-in ceremony in a leadership crisis in the Janata (people's) Party, the alliance which emerged as the biggest vote winner in last week's general election.

Mr. Desai, who succeeded the defeated Congress leader Mrs. Indira Gandhi, said after a 90-minute meeting of his cabinet today that "I hope and trust everything will be sorted out."

Mr. Ram has stayed silent so far about his actions and his motives, and reporters have been told that the CFD leader had originally agreed to join the cabinet but later phoned Mr. Desai to say he would stay out.

A few senior posts have not yet been filled. These include the defence, agriculture and industry portfolios -- any of which could presumably still go to Mr. Ram.

Political observers said the main issue involved was the number of seats and portfolios that the CFD should be given, and the precedence of Mr. Ram -- who was a leading contender for the prime minister's post -- in the official cabinet list.

Two other significant absences at the swearing-in ceremony today were Socialists Raj Narain and Georg Fernandes, but it was not clear why they stayed away. Political sources believe the Socialists supported the idea that Mr. Ram should become deputy prime minister.

But government sources said today the two Socialists were unable to attend the ceremony because they were trying to persuade Mr. Ram to join the cabinet.

When these are removed we are ready for peace."

The Zambian leader praised the Soviet Union's previous assistance in supplying weapons to black African liberation groups and told Mr. Podgorny: "You have come at the right time. The situation in Southern Africa is tensed up by the refusal of racism, fascism and colonialism to yield to the pressures of the people they exploit."

The first indication that President Podgorny's visit would cover ways of intensifying Rhodesia's and Namibia's guerrilla war came when he arrived and was introduced to leading black nationalists Joshua Nkomo and Sam Nujoma before meeting Zambian government ministers and diplomats.

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URLED AREA -- A soldier of the Pakistani army takes up a position, while armoured cars patrol a disturbed area in Karachi, Friday. (AP wirephoto).

## Vance arrives in Moscow

COLUMBIA, March 26 (R). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arrived in Moscow tonight for the first top-level contact between the Carter administration and the Kremlin.

He was met at the airport by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Vance, whose mission is to revitalize the detente relationship between the powers, had made a brief stop in Brussels to brief Atlantic Treaty Organization (ATO) ambassadors on topics he would discuss with Soviet leaders.

Vance said he hoped his talks with Soviet leaders next week would lead to a reduction in strategic weapons held by the superpowers.

Vance told newsmen a meeting with ambassadors of America's European allies that the Carter administration was proposing that sides make substantial concessions in their nuclear arms.

He declined to confirm reports that the U.S. would suggest that both sides limit their 1,500 long-range strategic missiles and bombers.

But he said the United States was proposing a "comprehensive package which gets to the root of the problems because it can lead to greater reductions and thus greater stability."

Mr. Vance, on his way to Moscow, was in Brussels for a three-hour stopover, to brief America's NATO allies.

He said that in Moscow "I hope we can achieve the basic objective which is to reach an agreement on a framework to serve as the basis for detailed follow-up discussions in Geneva."

"If we achieve this it will be substantial progress," the secretary added.

He also said that it could be possible to reach a comprehensive deal to radically limit nuclear weapons held by both sides, then they could set aside the controversial issues and freeze the existing 1974 Vladivostok agreement, which expires in October.

The Vladivostok agreement limits each side to a maximum of 2,400 nuclear missiles and bombers but it has never been implemented.

The main sticking points in the Moscow talks will be how to handle the low-level U.S. cruise missile and the Soviet backfire bomber which the Americans say has a strategic capability.

He said the talks in Moscow would also include the Middle East and Africa.

## Podgorny promises assistance to African liberation groups

LUSAKA, March 26 (R). — Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny today pledged "all the necessary assistance" for the overthrow of "colonial oppression" in Africa and said his country would not rest until this had been achieved.

His remarks, at the start of official talks with President Kenneth Kaunda, were seen by observers as a clear promise of major Soviet help in intensifying the guerrilla wars in Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa).

President Podgorny told his host he was convinced his visit here would "further promote the struggle for independence against racism and colonialism and apartheid."

"On the part of the Soviet Union, we will provide all the necessary assistance, all the necessary measures so that all people in Africa under colonial oppression attain freedom and independence," he said.

"We will not rest until this is achieved," the Soviet leader declared.

Observers said his comments appeared to be directed at the white minorities ruling Rhodesia, Namibia and South Africa.

President Podgorny arrived here today from Dar Es Salaam for a four-day state visit. He is to complete a three-nation African tour by flying to Mozambique next Tuesday.

President Kaunda told his Soviet counterpart today: "We want arms because the road to peace has been blocked by racism, fascism and colonialism."

At Arab League Council

## Riad tells Arab F.M.s: Action needed to restore peace in southern Lebanon

CAIRO, March 26 (R). — Arab foreign ministers on their day-long meeting here tonight and were told that urgent action was needed to restore peace in southern Lebanon, where fighting has continued despite last November's ceasefire in the Lebanese civil war.

Opening the meeting of the Arab League Council, league Secretary General Mahmoud Riad said Israel was trying to interfere and create disorder in South Lebanon.

"Arabs should beware and work to reinstate peace and security to Lebanon as soon as possible," Mr. Riad added.

One of the meeting's main tasks is the renewal of the mandate of the 30,000-strong Arab peace-keeping force which ended fighting in most of the country.

But the peace-keeping troops have not separated feuding factions in the south near the Israeli border, principally because of Israeli objections to the troops near her frontier.

Lebanon has asked the peace force's mandate to be renewed, and the council is expected to approve an extension of six months.

Algeria's Youth Minister, Mr. Abdul Karim Ibn Mahmoud, said the meeting came at a critical time because of the fighting in Lebanon and the need to unify the Arab World in the face of Israeli occupation of Arab lands.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Chatti urged member countries of the European Common Market to try and understand Arab problems and to play a more active role in current moves to settle the Middle East problem.

The meeting is expected to last one week and topics for discussion include cooperation between the Arab World and Africa in the wake of the Afro-Arab summit held here earlier this month.

After the meeting, Mr. Riad said the council elected 12 foreign ministers to represent them at the Arab-African joint committee. Those representing the Arab side are Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Palestine, Tunis, Morocco, Somalia, Jordan, Mauritania and Syria. The committee will be chaired by Saudi Arabia for six months.

Egypt, Sudan and Algeria were elected in the African committee.

The joint Arab-African committee is due to meet in the first week of May to discuss its budget.

The council will resume its meetings tomorrow to discuss extending the mandate of peace force in Lebanon by another six months, Mr. Riad added.

## Arabs in Israel celebrate "Day of the Land"

KAFA KANNA, Galilee, March 26 (R). — Local Arab leaders denounced Israeli policies towards the country's Arab population at a ceremony here today marking protest demonstrations last year in which six people died and dozens were injured. Several hundred Israeli Arabs gathered in this Galilean village for the first of a series of meetings which will culminate in a mass rally at nearby Arraba on March 30. Last year's "Day of the Land" demonstrations were held to protest against plans to confiscate village fields and pastures. The crowd listened to Nazareth Mayor Tewfik Zayad.

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## Benign brutality

Jordan's U.N. Representative has recommended to the security Council that a three-man monitoring team be set up in Jerusalem to ensure that Israel observes the laws set out in international conventions concerning the protection of civilians under occupation. The idea is a fine one, and it should be adopted by the Security Council. But the real beauty of the idea would come with its implementation, and we offer a refinement to the official Jordanian suggestion. This is that the team be made up of perhaps five members, so that it could include an Israeli, a West Bank Palestinian, and an American, along with two appropriately neutral and universally acceptable representatives. Furthermore, to take the sting out of the inevitable hostile Israeli propaganda that automatically emanates from the Israeli side whenever the United Nations is brought into the picture, we suggest that perhaps the Security Council could find another international body to actually sponsor and oversee the monitoring team. Among the bodies that could undertake such a role are, for example, Amnesty International or the World Council of Churches. The idea would be to have such a team administered by a body universally acclaimed to be in the impartial service of humanity. It would take nothing less to overcome Israel's mania about the United Nations.

The suggestion that the team include Arab, Israeli and American representatives is simply to make sure that the unit is a lively one, and therefore a productive one. One recent incident that could have been investigated was the demonstrations in Ramallah two weeks ago by Palestinian youths which led to Israeli border troops being brought in to quiet things down. The result was that 17 of the students were admitted to a Jerusalem hospital with broken bones, lacerations, concussions and missing teeth, as documented by a correspondent of the Washington Post.

These were students at the U.N.-run teachers' training college, and not all of them who were hospitalised were involved in the initial demonstrations. Some were simply beaten up by the Israelis for reasons that only the Israelis, history and the psychology of pathological and demented human beings will ever fully answer. This is a face of Israel that is hidden from the world, and by the dictates of "security" censorship, from the Israelis themselves.

It would have been revealing indeed to have had a multinational investigating team on the spot to count the broken bones of the youth of Ramallah, and measure the welts on their backs acquired by the brutality of Israeli soldiers who are under the command of Israeli leaders who do not hesitate to tell the world that their occupation of the West Bank is "benign". It would be nice to have a team there to measure the benignity. Or the official Israeli lies.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

One Jordanian daily commented in its Saturday editorial on the need for official clarifications of President Carter's recent declarations about the necessity for the establishment of a Palestinian homeland which, owing to their vagueness, have led to different interpretations by the parties concerned.

AL DUSTOUR, under the heading "The Palestinian homeland and Carter's ideas" says that clarifications are needed as Israel, which rejects the existence of the Palestinians and Palestine has interpreted President Carter's declarations according to its own interests and has gone so far as to claim that President Carter is trying to establish an "alternative homeland" for the Palestinians in Jordan.

We do not wish to argue the Israeli logic at this moment, the paper adds, in particular since we have in mind the declarations delivered by Israel's leaders considering Jordan and His Majesty King Hussein as Israel's bitter enemies. However, it is useful to indicate that Jordan's existence on the political scene is not the result of a decision by President Carter, to have it vanish by another decision from him or any other party, the paper adds. Jordan's existence and continuity depends on those living inside its borders.

Israel's psychological complex nowadays, the paper adds, is the Palestinian question and the Palestinians, notably after the emergence of the Palestinians on the international scene following an absence of more than a quarter of a century. And when a United States president recognises their right to a homeland in Palestine, he torpedoes one of the fundamental pillars of Zionist philosophy which calls for providing "a land without people for the people without a land." But President Carter's declarations and the ensuing clarifications

are not sufficient, the paper says, to enable the Palestinians to realise their dream of establishing their own state.

If President Carter's declarations and clarifications have been meant to bring Israel to its senses and activate the Arabs and Palestinians to work to achieve that dream, then the American administration, which has been striving lately to install "moral idealism" in U.S. foreign policy, is invited to adopt a stronger and more courageous stand to support the Palestinians' rights and condemn Israel's arrogance and ignorance of these rights.

The American conscience, not to mention the American budget and U.S. military supplies have been encumbered by the Israeli burden for 30 years. So now it seems that the largest and biggest power on earth has become a "hostage" of any will and is directed by the small Israeli state, the paper says. If President Carter has the courage to condemn the racist policies of Rhodesia and South Africa and criticise the military dictatorships of Latin America there is no extra vagance on our part to expect him to condemn expansionist Israel and liberate the United States Middle East policy from its evil clutches.

The moral idealism which President Carter advocates should not stop at Israel's borders, the paper adds, as justice, honour and righteousness, ideals which he says he will introduce to the White House, will have no value if they are not applied universally and without distinction. President Carter, the paper concludes, should be the first to become aware that U.S. persistence to treat Israel as a spoiled child will only rob "moral idealism" of its meaning and make it another instrument of the Israelis for the political games it plays.



'I tried to reach you by telephone'

## Namibia's independence gets on South Africa's top priority list

By Gwynne Dyer

"If South Africa wants to hear bombs in Windhoek, they will be heard." So said Peter Katjavivi, a senior official of the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), last December.

It is time to start setting the bombs, because Namibia (which some people call South-West Africa) is shortly going to get the sort of independence he disapproves of, under the aegis of South Africa. It may prove rather difficult to organise, however, because there is a double fence, a mile-wide no-man's land, and around 50,000 South African troops between SWAPO's bases in Angola and its targets in Namibia.

Namibia used to be a German colony until South Africa seized it in the First World War. In an area the size of France there are only 900,000 people, but enough uranium, copper, gems and other minerals to make it potentially one of Africa's richest countries. There is also South Africa at the southern end and Angola at the northern, and the shooting has already started up on the Angolan border.

South Africa has run Namibia for six years, but it doesn't own it. It merely "administers" it on a mandate from the United Nations, and that mandate was cancelled just as soon as an Afro-Asian majority appeared in the General Assembly.

Ever since, Pretoria has had to depend on Western countries to veto attempts to bring in sweeping U.N. sanctions to force it out. That would be disastrous for a trading country like South Africa, and Pretoria couldn't count on Western vetoes lasting forever, so it became an urgent matter to give Namibia "independence".

Pretoria's strategy was to call a constitutional conference in Windhoek which gives equal representation to all eleven ethnic groups in the country - whites, mixed-race, and the nine major tribes - regardless of the actual numbers. They were supposed to produce a government which would guarantee to every population group the greatest possible say in its own and national affairs. That translates as a Bantustan policy, giving the whites full control of the areas they now hold, which contain most of the country's wealth. The conference is now meeting once again in the Turnhalle, the old Imperial German drill hall in the capital, for the seventh session in 16 months. This time, it looks like it will produce agreement on an interim government and a constitution.

It's easy to see why the 100,000 whites in Namibia want this arrangement, but why are the other groups playing along? The answer lies in the nature of SWAPO, which is the liberation movement recognised by the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity.

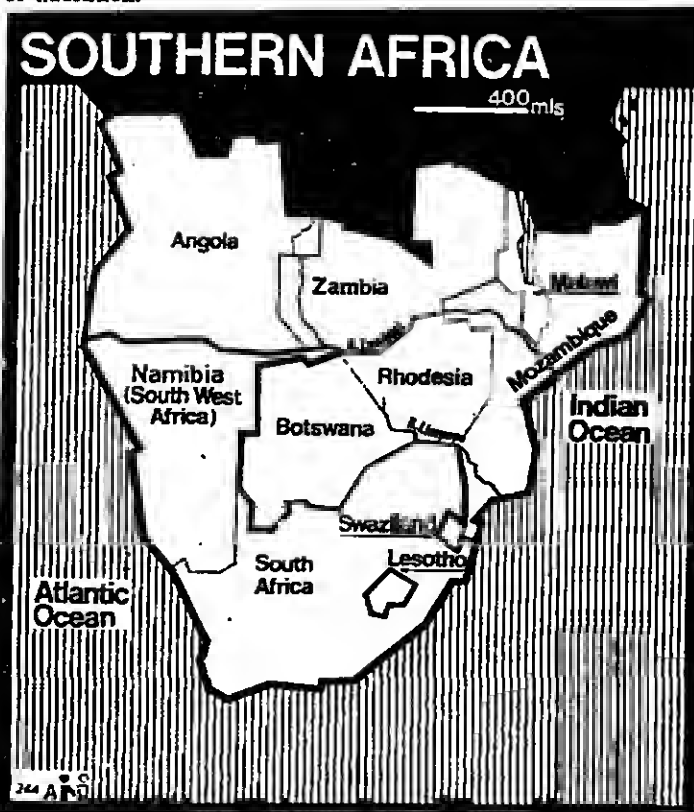
The trouble is that SWAPO almost exclusively represents the Ovambo tribe, who are 46 per cent of Namibia's population. By weaving its marxist credentials and pointing meaningfully to its guerrillas across the Angolan border, it has got itself acknowledged by the world as every Namibian's dream of liberty. But what non-Ovamboes in Namibia see is simply a tribal-based movement trying to pre-empt all the minorities and grab a monopoly of political power.

Last year the pressure on South Africa suddenly took a quantum jump: Angola fell to the MPLA, and Cubans appeared on the border. It gave the blacks and coloured at the conference far more leverage, and they have managed to make drastic changes in Pretoria's proposals. Namibia under the present Turnhalle constitutional proposals would actually give blacks a lot of power. South Africa is in such a hurry that independence day may be moved forward to the end of this year.

All the black delegates from other tribes maintain private contacts with SWAPO, whose "internal wing" (that doesn't carry guns) is still legal in Namibia. Like Pretoria, they hope that somehow SWAPO will eventually come round and join the government with only the share of power its supporters' numbers entitle it to. But there is no earthly reason why it should.

The South Africans are behaving in exactly the same way that they do over their own Bantustan policy. If you are in an untenable situation and you can't retreat, then you have to tell yourself that you are doing something that might work, even if you secretly know it won't.

So give Namibia independence, even if no one will recognise it, and tell yourself that the West will help you defend it because of its large investments there. But get ready to fight, because SWAPO, backed by practically everybody who



## Observers see Chirac's new post as launching-pad toward greater political aspirations

PARIS, March 26 (AFP). — Jacques Chirac, 44, who was elected mayor of Paris at the first meeting of the city council since this month's municipal elections, is a man of many parts, at least politically.

As well as mayor, he is the leader of the major government coalition, the Gaullist RPR Party, deputy for the Corrèze region in the French parliament, a former prime minister and aide to President Pompidou. He is also active in local politics as president of the general council of his political fief, the Corrèze, in central France.

Mr. Pompidou used to refer to him as his "bulldozer". Others in the political world call him "a cannon ball." No one denies his energy and the power of work which brought him to the top of French politics in a few years.

A former student at France's prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration, which furnishes many of its top civil servants and diplomats to the nation, Jacques Chirac was born in 1932 in Paris.

He became an aide to Georges Pompidou when he was only 30. Five years later, Mr. Pompidou made him Secretary of State for Social Affairs, with particular responsibilities for employment questions. Mr. Chirac running under the Gaullist ticket, had just been elected deputy for the Corrèze, a normally leftward leaning department.

He was a member of the government uninterrupted from 1967 to 1976. Secretary of state for economy and finance in the successive governments of Premier Couve de Murville, Pompidou and Chaban Delmas, he subsequently became minister of agriculture in the Messmer government before his nomination to the key ministry of the interior post just before the 1974 presidential elections.

He backed Independent Republican Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the presidential nomination race against his own UDR Party's candidate, Jacques Chaban Delmas. After Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's election to the presidency, he was appointed

prime minister when only 42 years old.

He remained premier for more than two years until complaining that he felt stifled and lacked the means to carry out properly his job, he resigned on August 25, 1976. His departure, which caused a certain fracas on the political scene, was quite different from the more muted style usually adopted by his predecessors.

One of his first self-appointed tasks was the reorganization of the Gaullist Party which he launched late last year under a new name: Le Rassemblement pour la République (RPR). This year when the coalition government nominated Minister Michel d'Ornano as candidate for the job of mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac in his best cannon-ball style suddenly erupted on the scene, announced he was running for mayor, and won.

Paris will obviously offer a dynamic deputy from the Corrèze a new launching-pad toward greater political aspirations. At least, that's what many political observers expect.

## Carter's statements even baffle the State Department

WASHINGTON, March 26, (R).

— Analysts of United States foreign policy have a tough time these days deciding just what to make of President Carter's pronouncements in this field.

Presidential statements, especially on the Middle East, have caught foreign leaders by surprise and left a trail of confusion in their wake.

Few seem to know how to interpret what he says. Even experts at the State Department are hard put to come up with explanations that can clear the air.

The only certainty is that the president has embarked on an open foreign policy, carrying out his pledge to keep the

American people informed and speak out frankly.

But in the process he leaves the diplomats dismayed by breaking rules that call for secrecy as negotiations on delicate problems take place.

Mr. Carter clearly is aware of the controversy he has aroused by such actions as calling for a bombing halt for the Palestinians and a return by Israel to its pre-1967 borders with only minor changes.

He has also reversed his election campaign charges that the United States helped overthrow Chilean President Salvador Allende.

But his response to criticism, as he put it at a town meeting in Clinton, Massachusetts, last week, was: "I trust the American people." He also noted that he had been rebuked by many newspapers "for telling the people too much."

And, in a speech at the United Nations the following day, he declared: "I believe the American people expect me to speak frankly about the policies we intend to pursue."

Some administration officials contend that all the president is trying to do is to make himself a catalyst and get negotiations moving, especially in the Middle East.

Others believe he is compromising fragile diplomacy by going public and taking unnecessary risks.

Obviously annoyed by suggestions that he sometimes shoots from the hip, the president told reporters recently: "I do not make flippancy statements."

Eyebrows were first raised when the president said recently that Israel should have "defensible borders" — a phrase always used by the Israelis to mean retention of sizeable chunks of occupied Arab territory.

The president's statements delighted the Israelis but angered Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who said he had no intention of ceding an inch (centimetre) of land.

Then, at a press conference last week, Mr. Carter suggested

that Israel would have to return to its pre-1967 borders with only minor changes.

That delighted the Egyptians but angered the Israelis who believed that the pre-1967 line must be extended to guarantee their security.

In Clinton on Wednesday, the president touched on another explosive issue by talking about a "meltdown" for the Palestinians.

It was the Israelis who we upset again. They saw an implication in the president's remarks that a Palestinian state which they view as a direct security threat, should be created in the Middle East.

The human rights issue, too, has provoked controversy several quarters.

Many diplomats at American official applauded a strong stand taken by the president against the treatment of political dissidents in the Soviet Union, South Korea and elsewhere in the world.

Others believe he is taking a risk because of the way it Russian "backing human rights with Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) and telling him in effect to keep quiet about their domestic affairs — renounce hopes for an arms agreement.

Another surprise was a reminder given to the U.S. delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, Mr. Brady Tyson, who apologized for what he said was the role of some U.S. agencies in overthrowing President Allende.

Mr. Carter said Mr. Tyson's remarks were inappropriate at a time when the Senate Intelligence committee had found no evidence of U.S. involvement in the overthrowing of Sen. Allende. But during the election campaign last year, Mr. Carter alleged that the United States "overthrew an elected government and hoped to establish a military dictatorship."

The White House strenuously denies suggestions that the president's apparently confused attitudes at best reflect his inexperience in foreign affairs.

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

### JORDAN TELEVISION

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6:00 Quran	10:15 Arabic series
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6:05 Cartoons	7:30 News in Hebrew
6:30 Six million dollar man	7:45 Varieties
6:50 News in Arabic	8:30 The muppets
7:30 Development program	9:10 Best sellers
8:30 Arabic series	10:00 News in English
	10:15 Rockford files

### RADIO JORDAN

(On 856 KHZ)	15:00 Concert hour
7:00 Morning melodies	16:00 Old favourites
7:30 News	16:30 Easy listening
7:40 News reports	17:00 Arab scientists
8:00 Sign off	17:30 Pop session
12:00 Pop session	18:00 News summary
12:30 Catch the words	18:05 Listener's choice
13:00 Pop session	19:00 News
14:00 News	19:10 News reports
14:10 Radio magazine	19:30 Sign off
14:30 Sign it again	

### EMERGENCIES

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Nayef Khadra (44477)	Shifa
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7:30 Cairo (EA)	19:40 Beirut (MEA)
8:40 Dubai, Abu Dhabi	
10:30 Beirut (MEA)	
11:15 Dair Al Zor, Damascus (SAA)	
11:25 Rawalpindi (BA)	8:00 Beirut
14:10 Agaba (SAA)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
14:50 Riyadh (SDI)	8:45 Cairo (EA)
18:20 Muscat, Dabai, Bahrain (GA)	10:00 Laraca, Athens
	10:30 Cairo
	12:00 Agaba (SAA)
	12:25 London (BA)
	14:45 Damascus (SAA)
	16:15 Riyadh (SDI)
	17:10 London (GA)
	18:25 Baghdad, Dhahran
	18:00 Bahrain, Bangkok
	20:00 Kuwait
	20:30 Tehran
	21:00 Jeddah

### BBC RADIO

GMT	13:45 Saudi Jones Requests
05:00 News; Press Review	14:30 The Men from the Ministry
05:15 New Ideas	15:00 Radio Newsweek
05:25 Book Choice	15:15 News; Commentary
06:30 The King's Singers	16:00 News; Commentary
06:45 Letter from America	16:15 Our own correspondent
06:50 News; Press Review	16:40 The Week in Wales
06:55 Sarah Ward Requests	16:45 Lucky Jim
07:00 News	17:00 News; Commentary
07:15 Our own correspondent	17:05 Beeethoven — The Artist as Hero
07:30 The King's Singers	17:40 Book Choice
07:45 Book Choice	17:45 Sportsweek
07:50 The Melody Makers	18:00 News
08:00 News; Reflections	18:15 Radio Newsweek
08:15 World Radio Club	18:30 My Kind of Music
08:30 The Pleasure's Yours	18:00 Radio Theatre
08:45 News; Press Review	19:45 Face of England
09:00 From the Weeklies	20:00 News; Commentary
09:15 New Ideas	20:15 Letterbox
09:45 Sports Review	20:30 Sunday Half-Hour
10:15 One Piano, Four Hands	21:00 Theatre Cell
10:30 Sunday Service	21:15 Jazz Club
11:00 News	22:00 News
11:15 Our own correspondent	22:09 Our own correspondent
11:30 Theatre of the Air	22:35 Letter from London
12:30 News; Commentary	22:45 Sportsweek
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### VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	18:30 Show Music USA
02:00 The Breakfast Show	19:00 News and Topical Reports
10 to the hour and 28 min.	19:15 New Horizons
06:30 After each hour	19:30 Studio One
17:00 News and New Products USA	20:00 Special English, News Words and their Stories
17:15 Critics Choice	20:15 The Concert Hall
17:30 Issues in the News	21:00 News and New Products USA
17:50 Special English, News Words and their Stories, Feature: People in America, News Summary	21:15 Critics Choice
	21:30 Issues in the News

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# Silver Jubilee celebrations start today

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AMMAN (JNA). — The Jordanian people will present the King Hussein flag to His Majesty King Hussein Sunday to celebrate the King's 25 years of the country.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. at Raghiban Palace, Prime Minister Mudar in, the President of the

Higher Committee for Silver Jubilee Celebrations, will hoist the Jubilee flag alongside the national flag.

The celebration will be attended by Crown Prince Hassan; Mr. Badran; Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker; former prime ministers; members of the Upper House; and the country's top military and government officials.

The celebrations will also be attended by tribal dignitaries, Moslem and Christian men of religion, university presidents, company and trade union heads, newspaper managing editors and representatives of women's associations and university and school students.

Mr. Badran addressed the people on the occasion on Saturday and expressed to King Hussein the people's appreciation and gratitude for the invaluable services he has offered the country.

### NOV. '76 EXPORTS TO ARAB WORLD JUMP 33%

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan's exports to the Arab countries totalled JD 2,086,000 in November 1976 as against JD 1,542,000 for the same period in 1975.

Imports remained the same in this period. Jordan's imports from the Arab countries amounted to JD 2,804,000 against JD 2,853,000 for the same period in 1975.

AMMAN (JNA). — During its Saturday session presided over by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the Cabinet named the new Administrative Board of the Arab Potash Company.

Mr. Ali Khasawneh, the company's General Manager, was named President. Members are Mr. Nabil Swels from the National Planning Council; Mr. Hussein Qasim from the Central Bank; Mr. Yousef Al Nimri and Dr. Kamel Radadeh from the Natural Resources Authority; and Farouk Majhoub from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The Economic Security Committee had decided to dissolve the former board of the company during its session presided over by Minister of Finance Mohammed Dahes on March 16. The committee left it to the Cabinet to name the 11 new members. Six represent the Jordanian government, which holds 51 percent of the capital, three the Arab Mining Company, which holds 40 percent of the capital and the remaining nine percent will be left for the private sector, which will be represented by two members.

### First batch of joint tourist booklets here

AMMAN (JNA). — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Saturday took delivery of its 100,000 copies of the joint Jordanian-Syrian booklet outlining archaeological and tourist sites in both countries. The booklet has been published in Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish and Italian and will be distributed to tourists visiting Syria and Jordan.



Minister of Public Works Said Bino Saturday signs a contract for the final stage of work on the road linking Azraq with the Iraqi border. He sits flanked by the representatives of the two contractors involved. (JNA photo).

### Contract awarded for H-4, Iraqi road

AMMAN (JNA). — An agreement to complete the H-4 Iraqi border road was signed at the Ministry of Public Works here Saturday.

The agreement provides for the construction of a 70 kms highway with two bridges within a period of 25 months at a cost of JD 1.5 million.

The projected road represents the third and last phase of the main highway, 223 kms long, linking Azraq, H-5, H-4 and the Iraqi border.

It aims to boost Arab trade and transit movement, especially between Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, as well as coping with increasing traf-

fic and developing the areas through which the road passes.

Two agreements were signed last year and early this year for the construction of the first and second stages of the road.

For the first stage, a 45 kms road will be built between Azraq and H-5 at a cost of JD 1,825,000. In the second stage, a 108 kms road will be built between H-5 and H-4 at a cost of JD 1.5 million.

The third stage agreement was signed on behalf of the Jordanian government by Minister of Public Works Said Bino and by representatives of the two contracting companies concerned.

### What's Going On

The British Council presents Part 7 and Part 8 of the film series "Civilisation". Part 7: Grandeur and Obsession - Part 8: The Light of Experience. 8:30 p.m., Monday at the British Council Hall.

The American Centre presents "Issues and Answers": A half-hour television programme featuring President Sadat of Egypt. 10:00 a.m., 12 noon and 2:00 p.m., Sunday; 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday.

### Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian filis for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.K. sterling	572.0	578.0
U.S. dollar	332.0	334.0
German mark	139.3	139.7
French franc	66.9	67.2
Swiss franc	130.8	131.2
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.5	37.7
Saudi riyal	93.9	94.1
Lebanese pound	109.8	110.3
Syrian pound	82.0	82.2
Iraqi dinar	94.5	95.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1,151.0	1,154.0
Egyptian pound	462.0	470.0
Libyan dinar	800.0	810.0
UAE dirham	85.1	85.5

### NATIONAL NOTES

\* AMMAN. — The Director of the Department of Planning and Development at Yarmouk University leaves for the United States Sunday to attend the conference of the American Association on Administration to be held in Atlanta, Georgia March 30-April 4.

\* AMMAN. — A group of Jordanian businessmen will pay a two-week visit to England in April at the invitation of the British government to look over aspects of British economic progress and participate in the festivities to be held there on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee.

\* IRBID. — The Irbid Health Directorate opened a general health clinic here Saturday. Located in the south western part of the town, it is the fourth clinic to open in Irbid this year.

\* IRBID. — The Dean of the English Department at Yarmouk University, Dr. Mohammad Amin Awwad, returned from Cairo Saturday at the end of a week-long visit during which he looked over English language curricula adopted by the American University in Cairo and met with officials at the Ain Shams and Cairo Universities.

\* AMMAN. — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim received the Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan Saturday.

\* DAMASCUS. — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Agriculture Committee Saturday started its meetings to review the result of work by sub-committees on agricultural marketing, planning, statistics, agricultural economics, desert development, production and animal health. The meetings, chaired by the ministers of agriculture in the two countries, will last four days.

\* AMMAN. — Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhouni sent a cable of congratulations to His Majesty King Hussein on the occasion of the first day of the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

## Aviation accords signed with Algeria, Uruguay

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan has concluded two civil aviation agreements with Algeria and Uruguay that pave the way for a substantial increase in Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline's world network.

The Director of the Department of Civil Aviation, Mr. Sharif Ghazi Rakan, announced these decisions on his return here Friday after leading Jordan's delegation to the joint conference of the Arab Civil Aviation Council and the Arab Air Transport Union that took place in Casablanca March 22-24.

Sharif Ghazi explained that the agreement with Algeria gives Alia full landing rights in Algiers on the route to Brazil and Uruguay. The second agreement, concluded with Uruguay, will enable Alia's planes to reach Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Santiago.

Both agreements were signed by Mr. Hani Bqa'een, the Director of Air Transport at the Civil Aviation Directorate. Sharif Rakan added that he

met with a number of aviation directors and reached an agreement that gives Jordan transport rights between Amman, Tunis, Tripoli and Casablanca. The participants, he concluded, also discussed the findings of the Executive Committee concerning the completion of an agreement on the establishment of an Arab air academy. Jordan's delegation also included Alia's Director General Ali Ghandour.

### TALKS TO START ON AIR ACCORD WITH NIGERIA

AMMAN (JNA). — A civil aviation delegation headed by Mr. Elias Aghabi, Deputy Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation, leaves for Nigeria Monday to conduct talks aimed at reaching an air transport agreement between the two countries.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

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DEAR MR. GOREN:

Q.—In a recent game, my partner made a bid called a "trial bid." This term is new to me. Can you explain?—J.R. Matthews, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—On several occasions in the past, I have discussed how a fit proves the hand. That holds true not only for the trump suit, but for a side suit as well. To illustrate the point, let us consider a West hand opposite two possible holdings by East:

West  
♠ A J 3  
♥ K Q 7 6 3  
♦ A J 5 2  
♣ 9

1) East  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A 8 5 2  
♦ K 7 4 3  
♣ 8 6 3

2) East  
♠ 9 4  
♥ A 8 5 2  
♦ Q 8 6 3  
♣ K 7 4 3

In each case, West opens the bidding with one heart and East raises to two hearts. Note that the East hands are virtually the same—the only difference is that the minor suit holdings have been reversed. With normal suits, the first East hand would be a laydown for game—indeed, a successful diamond finesse would bring in an overtrick. With the second East hand, even one trick is not absolutely guaranteed, though declarer would be a strong favorite.

If West invites game by rebidding three hearts, East should accept with both hands, but be will be wrong half of the time—not a winning percentage. The way out of the dilemma is to employ a "trial bid."

Instead of three hearts, West bids a suit in which he needs help—in this case three diamonds. That asks responder to evaluate his holding in the key suit for game purposes. The first East hand has a good diamond holding, so East would accept the invitation by bidding four hearts. The second East hand has the worst possible diamond holding, so West, so be refuses by

signing off in three hearts. East-West have just improved their batting average to 100 per cent. In effect, West's bid of three diamonds is a type of asking bid.

It pinpoints what is needed to make game, and requests partner to base his actions on his holding to the key suit only.

Q.—After West unilaterally sacrificed in six spades against a contract of six diamonds, South became the declarer at six no trump on this hand:

North  
♠ A 6 5  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 8 7 5 4 3  
♣ A 7 3

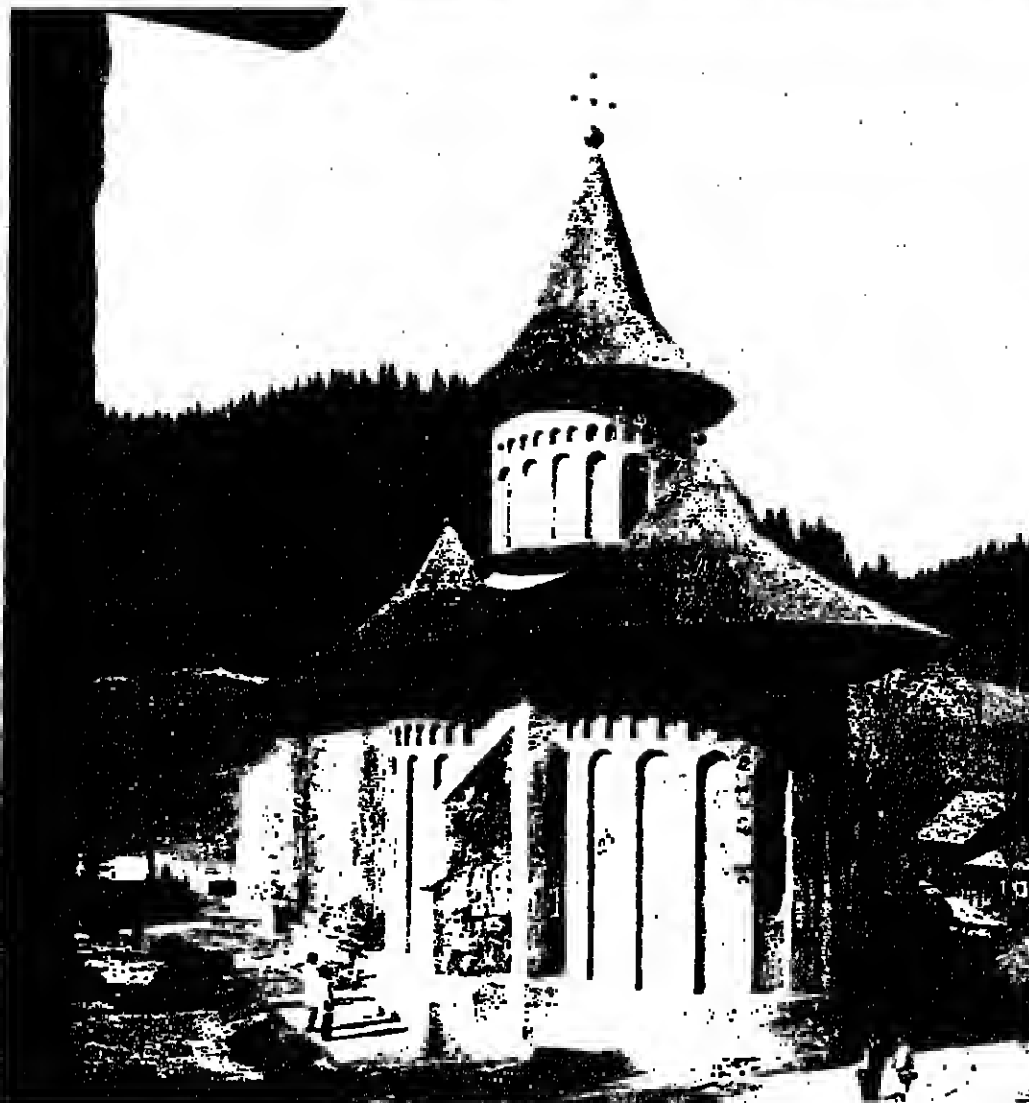
South  
♠ Void  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A K Q J 10 9  
♣ A K 6 2

West led the queen of spades. How should declarer plan the play?—E. Rodgers, Sarasota, Fla.

A.—With only eleven tricks in top cards, declarer must rely on a squeeze to produce the twelfth trick. The first requirement of a squeeze play is to correct the count, i.e., to lose as many tricks as you can afford before setting the squeeze in operation.

The way to do this is to duck the first spade, discarding a club from your hand. Assume the defenders continue spades. You win the ace, letting go of another club from your hand, then run your six diamond tricks, discarding a heart from dummy. Now cash the king of clubs and cross to the ace. Your squeeze will operate any time West's distribution was 7-2-2-2, or when he started with eight spades and no more than two clubs. In fact, if you guess that West has eight spades and three or more clubs, you can still make the hand by cashing the ace-king of hearts before touching clubs, which will squeeze West in the black suits. This is a very complex hand, so I suggest that you lay out the cards and test the various possibilities for yourself.

## THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



**ROMANIAN MONASTERIES** -- Five painted monasteries in Bucovina, north of Moldavia, Romania, have recently been restored with the help of a team of UNESCO specialists.

Constructed during the 15th and 16th centuries, they are covered inside and out with Biblical frescoes. The frescoes outside served a practical as well as decorative purpose: In the days when the monasteries were used for worship, the overflow congregation, sitting or standing outside, could get Biblical instruction from the paintings on the outer walls.

No one knows who painted the frescoes, or what elements in the paint have kept the colours bright through the centuries; all inquiries turn up a common artist -- "anonymous".

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1977

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** You find considerable opportunity to show your emotional well-being so make sure you utilize this time to channel your activities in thoughtful and wise directions. An unusual event brings you pleasure.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get rid of frustrations at home by doing whatever will make conditions there more charming, harmonious. Express a special talent.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handling correspondence and communicating with others is advisable now. Drive with utmost care.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Elevate your consciousness to far greater abundance than you are now enjoying. Be careful not to work too hard later.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) You can handle a personal matter more efficiently if you contact good friends and state your aims. A social affair you attend can bring much enjoyment.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Elevate your consciousness to greater things in the future and plan now how you can attain them. Don't argue with kin. Come to a better understanding with mate and show you are loyal.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Analyze personal life and know how to make it better in the future. Music can play an important part in how you feel today.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Do some charitable work now, but be careful of reputation. Talk your talents over with a bigwig and get support for them.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good time to add to present knowledge and wisdom through study, services, conversation. Good chance to advance in your career.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Hunches are good today and should be followed. Mate is in a good mood and there could be much happiness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think out what associates expect of you and how you can please them in the future. Work out personal problems wisely. Relax.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Do favors for those who have been loyal to you and show your appreciation. Think over how best to handle petty annoyances in the future.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SAYGS

MILOB

RATOOR

YIBOSH

Print the surprise answer here:

Answers Tuesday

Yesterday's Jumbles: OXIDE IRATE FLORAL SICKEN

Answer: May be "riled" at having nothing to do—AN "IDLER"

**TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE**

**SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN: FIRES OF HELL**

Steve unveils plot prepared by local politicians to fail oil exploration project by the U.S. government as it runs counter to their interests.

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

ACROSS

30. Affection

31. Weasel genus

34. Pleasing expression

37. New Zealand

38. Signify a choice

40. Legislate

44. Simulates

47. Murmur

48. Kiwi

49. Academic gown

50. skip and

51. Carpenter's tool

52. Skel's delight

53. Make larger

DOWN

1. Bell

2. Swan genus

3. Probabilities

4. Reconnoiter

5. Kava

6. Spanish hall

7. Slumbered

8. Salt of nitric acid

9. Lync poem

10. Espouse

16. Formally called

18. Fascinate

21. Tie

23. Wire measurement

24. Large wave

25. Ballet step

26. Point

27. Pallory

28. Webbed-footed bird

32. Crossruff

33. Light brown

35. Chance

36. States: French

39. Tie

41. Pann

42. Cusiner

43. Small shark

44. Biblical character

45. Cui grass

46. Sell

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ALL RIGHT MILO LET'S SEE YOUR SLIDE!

IS IT OKAY TO SLIDE HEAD FIRST?

SURE! SOMETIMES A HEAD-FIRST SLIDE IS THE BEST KIND...

THAT NEEDS A LITTLE WORK, MILO!

**THE FLINTSTONES**

MEN'S FASHIONS

FOR SPRING IT'S THE STRIPE SUIT

MEN'S FASH

FOR SPRING IT'S THE STRIPE SUIT

**MUTT AND JEFF**

SAY WHAT KIND OF PIE IS THIS--PEACH OR APRICOT?

WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE?

IT TASTES LIKE GLUE!

WELL--THEN IT'S PEACH!

TAKE THIS BACK AND BRING ME APRICOT!

WELL, O.K., SIR.

IF YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF RUBBER CEMENT!



## 6 executed for Congo murders

BRAZZAVILLE, March 26 (R). — Six people were executed in the Congo today for their part in the assassinations of President Marien Ngouabi and Brazzaville Archbishop Cardinal Emile Biyenda, an official communiqué said.

The executions follow that yesterday of former President Alphonse Massamba-Debat, said to have admitted prior knowledge of plans to kill his successor.

Those executed today included four soldiers and non-commissioned officers who were on

guard duty at the Presidential Palace last Friday when the head of state was assassinated.

A court martial found they helped a four-man assassination squad to gain access to the palace and that a corporal in the guard fired the fatal bullet.

Three others were sentenced to hard labour for life and eight to 10 years' imprisonment.

Two people were executed for their part in the murder on Tuesday night of Cardinal Biyenda and four were sentenced to hard labour for life.



PATROL -- Thai soldiers patrol in front of the military junta headquarters Saturday. (AP wire photo).

## Leaders of abortive coup allowed to leave Thailand

BANGKOK, March 26 (Agencies). — The five leaders of Thailand's abortive military coup have been allowed to leave the country, an official spokesman announced this evening.

The spokesman named the five as Gen. Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya, Lt. Col. Sanan Kachornprasit, Maj. Bunlert Kaewpradit, Maj. Visit Khongpradit and Maj. Asvin Hiranyasiri. Gen. Chulalongkornrajavidyalaya's son.

In its announcement, the government said it agreed to the group's exile to assure the fastest possible return to normality in the country and to prevent the needless loss of life

of the two high-ranking hostages, Gen. Prasert Thammasiri, Deputy Commander of the army, and Gen. Pralong Viraput, army Chief of Staff.

The announcement, signed by the director of the Internal Peace-keeping Directorate, made no mention of the exiles' destination.

The Thai government had earlier today announced that the group of dissident army men who tried to seize power had surrendered.

The coup group, calling themselves the "revolutionary council", had held out for nearly nine hours after seizing a Radio Thailand transmitter and proclaiming that the government of Premier Thanin Kraivichien had been ousted.

An official announcement in mid-afternoon said the group had surrendered.

It appealed for soldiers who had been supporting the coup to give themselves up.

The government also brought

forward by four hours the start of the overnight curfew, which has been in force since the military seized power six months ago.

First news of rebel action came over Radio Thailand 9.30 a.m. when it said that six-month-old government had been overthrown.

However, government leaders countered by issuing state orders over television and on radio stations demanding that the revolutionary group surrender.

There were no signs of a fight in Bangkok and the city was calm.

The revolutionary group's original statement over Radio Thailand had this morning announced the dissolution of the cabinet, the cabinet's 24th Group (composed of 24 high-ranking military officers) and the Oct. 6 takeover and National Administrative Reform Assembly, an appointed legislative body.

## Prince Sihanouk reported alive and well in Cambodia

KUALA LUMPUR, March 26 (AFP). — Former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk is "well and healthy and staying in one of the ancient palaces in Phnom Penh" according to Mr. Sei La, head of the southeast Asian division of the Cambodian Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Sei La told newsmen at the airport, before he left with Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Mr. Ieng Sary and other members of the Cambodian delegation for Pakistan this evening, that the prince was now leading a retired life.

This is the first official news about Prince Sihanouk since he was replaced by Mr. Kieu Samphan in the new government in Phnom Penh last year.

## Giscard will meet Chirac on Tuesday

PARIS, March 26 (AFP). — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing announced yesterday he will be meeting next week with Gaullist leader and former Premier Jacques Chirac, who was yesterday installed as mayor of Paris.

Mr. Chirac defeated President Giscard d'Estaing's own Independent Republican candidate, Michel d'Ornano in the Paris mayoral election.

The meeting between the president of the republic and the Gaullist leader, whose two parties from the government majority in parliament, will take place next Tuesday, the presidential official spokesman said.

The meeting is awaited with interest in political circles as it will be the first since last Nov. 12.

In addition, Independent Republican party sources have indicated that they hold Mr. Chirac responsible for a split in the majority during the recent local elections and a subsequent large swing to the Socialists and Communists.

## Former Tunisian minister accused of subversive plans

TUNIS, March 26 (R). — The official Tunisian news agency yesterday accused former Economy Minister Ahmad Bin Saleh of preparing to overthrow the government.

The Tunis Afrique Press (TAP) news agency said Mr. Bin Saleh, who escaped from a Tunisian prison in February 1974 while serving a 10-year sentence for high treason, was responsible for tracts distributed in the name of the opposition Popular Unity Movement.

The agency said the movement wanted to change Tunisian society by influencing workers, farmers, teachers, public servants, businessmen and the army. "This is how Bin Saleh hopes to establish an extended front which would allow him to satisfy his thirst for reconquering and monopolising power," the news agency said.

## Black Moslem gunman releases hostages peacefully in New York

NEW YORK, March 26 (R). — A diminutive black Moslem held four people hostage in a city housing agency for five hours last night and surrendered peacefully when he felt he had "got his message across."

The man, Mr. Luqman Abdul Shaheed, had demanded

\$500,000 to rehabilitate two apartment blocks in Harlem for a group of Sunni Moslems. He also wanted legal recognition of Moslem holidays. Police said that they made no concessions.

A police spokesman said the ninth-floor office siege ended when the man asked his hostages to join him in an Islamic prayer, gave one of them his 32-calibre revolver and surrendered to police who were waiting in the corridor outside.

A lawyer, Mr. Larry McGaughey, who had been representing the Sunni group seeking to rehabilitate the houses, said the gunman was "a very gentle man" and had never shown any

violent tendencies. Mr. McGaughey, who was a fifth hostage until he was released after the gunman's demands, said Mr. Shaheed apparently was provoked by an eviction order served on him earlier in the day.

The incident was evidently unrelated to the hostage-taking earlier this month involving another sect, the Hanafi Moslems. The gunman, said by police to be in his early 30s and standing barely five-feet tall, was led away from the scene in handcuffs.

He was later charged with kidnapping and criminal possession of a dangerous weapon, police said.

## Marcos signs declaration of autonomy

MANILA, March 25 (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos today signed a proclamation declaring autonomy in 13 southern Philippine provinces and creating a provisional regional government for them.

The presidential palace said the proclamation, signed at a meeting of the Security Council, was in line with a peace formula to end a rebellion by Moslems, worked out by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi during talks in Tripoli with the Philippines First Lady, Mrs. Imelda Marcos.

## Vienna marks 150 years since Beethoven died

VIENNA, March 26 (AFP). — Viennese newspapers today commemorated the 150th anniversary of the death of composer Ludwig van Beethoven and the city's Deputy Mayor Gertrude Froehlich-Sandner laid a wreath on his grave.

Exhausted by illness, Beethoven died in a house in Scharz-Panierstrasse, 300 metres from the city walls, on March 26, 1827, during a violent thunderstorm.

He was born in Bonn in 1770 and came to Vienna at the age of 22 to take lessons from Joseph Haydn. His sensitive nature made his relations with the Viennese difficult, particularly the patrician families on whom he depended for a living, but he remained there for the rest of his life, moving from district to district as the mood took him.

His frequent removals have marked the stages for the pilgrimages carried out subsequently by music lovers from the world over. They stand in admiration outside the modest dwellings where the quartets, sonatas, symphonies and the mass were born.

They visit the house in Heiligenstadt where he drew up his "will" and they follow the course of the nearby small stream on whose banks Beethoven said he found the inspiration for the Pastoral Symphony.

Mozart was buried amid general indifference, but that was not the case for Beethoven.

The entire city knew what a genius it had lost and people swarmed to his funeral.

The cortege took more than an hour-and-a-half to travel the half-mile from the house where he died to the Alserkirche.

He had nothing to do with the death of Anglican Archbishop Janani Lumum last month. The archbishop was killed in a reported car crash shortly after being arrested for allegedly plotting against Field Marshal Amin.

Field Marshal Amin called on Ugandan troops not to harass religious leaders but to warn Ugandan religious leaders not to involve themselves in activities tending to confuse the people. "They should preach peace, not bloodshed," he said.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed today that an underground Ugandan resistance movement plans to poison Uganda's coffee, tea and sugar exports in an attempt to bring down President Amin and his regime.

The Ugandan People's Patriotic Front (UPPF) told the Standard newspaper in Nairobi yesterday that people who bought the local products ran the risk of being poisoned.

"We shall naturally be saddened by any loss of life.... But you must hold Amin and yourselves responsible," it said in a statement.

The UPPF said its aim was to cut off Field Marshal Amin's money supply and prevent him buying the weapons that "are used to kill us."

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